



In re Continuation Application Filed 1998, Dec 15, Tue of
 Appn. Number: 08/580,493
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 Applicant: Philippe BERNA
 Appn. Title: PROCESS FOR MAKING A VERSATILE CLAMPING DEVICE DESIGNED TO
 HOLD OBJECTS WITHOUT DAMAGING THEM, SUCH A DEVICE AND ITS USE
 Examiner/GAU: Tom Hughes/3206

Molières-sur-Cèze, France, 1999, Mar 25, Thu

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Sir:

Prior to any action in the above continuation application and in response to the Office Action mailed 1998, May 21, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please, rewrite claims 4, 5, 7 and 15 in amended form:

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~~Sub 12~~ --4. (Six times amended) A device according to claim 2 wherein to said two arms are added two other movable arms [so that they could overlap each other, every of said movable arms being furthermore turnable around said support part into at least two directions and each of all of said arms having one substantially elastic buffer secured thereto at a distance from said support part so that the buffers of the two first arms of said four ones along said support part could have their contact faces facing the contact faces of the buffers of the two other said arms] and wherein the two first arms along the support part are provided with substantially elastic buffers which are both turned by their contact face towards the same direction, the two other arms being provided with substantially elastic buffers which are both turned by their contact face towards the other direction.

K2
~~Sub 13~~ --5. (Six times amended) A device according to claim 4, wherein to said four arms is added one pair of successive movable arms along said support part so that said device could be used as a vertical helping hand, [each of these arms having one substantially elastic buffer secured thereto at a distance from said support part so that the buffer of each of said successive movable arms could have its contact face facing the contact face of the buffer of the other successive arm] these last arms being provided with substantially elastic buffers which are turned by their contact face oppositely.

K3
~~Sub 15~~ --7. (Four times amended) A device according to claim 2, wherein at least one end of said support part is fitted out with a removable stop [such as